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In re Application of	:	
WAGNINGEN VAN, Andries	:	
U.S. Application No.: 10/597,520	:	
PCT No.: PCT/IB2005/050202	:	DECISION
Int. Filing Date: 18 January 2005	:	
Priority Date: 29 January 2004	:	
Attorney Docket No.: DE040031	:	
For: METHOD OF SYNCHRONIZING	:	
MESSAGE TRANSMISSIONS	:	

This application is before the Office of PCT Legal Administration for matters arising under 35 USC 371.

BACKGROUND

On 18 January 2005, applicant filed international application PCT/IB2005/050202, claiming a priority date of 29 January 2004. A copy of the international application was transmitted to the Office by the International Bureau on 11 January 2005. Accordingly, the thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired at midnight on 31 July 2006.

On 28 July 2006, applicant filed a national phase entry for the above captioned application.

On 31 July 2006, applicant filed a second national phase entry for the above captioned application.

DISCUSSION

Applicant has submitted multiple sets of papers for the national stage entry of international application number PCT/IB2005/050202. The end result for an international application designating the United States of America is a single U.S. national stage application. Therefore, the submission of multiple sets of national stage papers to enter the United States is improper. Accordingly, 10/588,144 and 10/597,520 have been consolidated into a single application.

All future correspondence in regards to the national phase of PCT/IB2005/050202 should use 10/597,520.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons discussed above, applicant's two sets of national phase paperwork have been merged into a single application, 10/597,520.

Any further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed to the Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, Office of PCT Legal Administration, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, with the contents of the letter marked to the attention of the Office of PCT Legal Administration.

This application is being referred to the National Stage Processing Division of the Office of PCT Operations for further processing consistent with this decision including (1) merger of the papers from 10/588,144 into 10/597,520 and (2) refund of the fees paid in 10/588,144 to deposit account no. 14-1270, as authorized.

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